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TO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 214713

E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS:SHUM, UG

SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: CLEMENCY FOR CONDEMNED UGANDANS

1. ACCORDING TO SEPTEMBER 8 REUTERS REPORT FROM NAIROBI, UGANDAN PRESIDENT AMIN HAS REJECTED LIBERIAN PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY IN THE CASES OF 12 ALLEGED COUP PLOTTERS CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY FIRING SQUAD. ACCORDING TO RADIO UGANDA, REUTERS CONTINUES, AMIN REJECTED TOLBERT APPEAL ON GROUNDS THAT HE COULD NOT COUNTERMAND EXECUTION ORDER CONFIRMED BY UGANDAN NATIONAL DEFENSE COUNCIL.  
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2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF EMBASSY CAN CONFIRM GIST OF ABOVE REPORT (WHICH WE HAVE NO REASON TO DISCOUNT), SUGGEST CHARGE IMMEDIATELY PASS FOLLOWING TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON INFORMAL BASIS:

-- US WELCOMES AND STRONGLY SUPPORTS YOUR HUMANITARIAN

ACTIONS ON BEHALF OF CONDEMNED UGANDANS.

-- WE HAVE CONSULTED WITH AND EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS ON THIS  
SAME MATTER TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT HAVE SO FAR RE-  
FRAINED FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN THE BELIEF THAT SUCH  
STATEMENTS WOULD LIKELY SEAL THE FATE OF THE 12 CONDEMNED  
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